

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM11.15	ACTION			Ward: 19
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**Implementing Road Safety Measures at Lake Shore Boulevard East and Woodbine Avenue - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report in the first quarter of 2020 to the Toronto and East York Community Council with recommended options for measures to improve road safety at Lake Shore Boulevard East and Woodbine Avenue such as:

- a. automated speed enforcement equipment;
- b. installation of speed humps or rumble strips;
- c. additional signage identifying the curve in the road;
- d. narrowing traffic lanes to reduce speed;
- e. reducing speed limits;
- f. roadway reconfiguration;
- g. barriers or other measures to protect pedestrians and homes in the event of an accident;
- and
- h. any other options to calm traffic and reduce accidents.

2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services to conduct any necessary community consultation to prepare the report requested in Part 1 above.

3. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to include an implementation timeline and any necessary budget required to install the measures identified in the report requested in Part 1 above.

**Summary**

At its July meeting, City Council adopted the Vision Zero 2.0 plan. Through that discussion, Members of Council gave their unanimous support to continue making every effort to reduce the number of road deaths in Toronto to zero. Road safety is one of the most pressing needs in

our City. My community is challenged by a particularly dangerous roadway which has seen four serious accidents over the last 10 months. This Motion asks for Council's support to direct staff to bring forward road safety options for the meeting point of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Woodbine Avenue within the next quarter.

The four accidents at Lake Shore Boulevard East and Woodbine Avenue have been caused by vehicles travelling too fast eastbound along Lake Shore Boulevard East, and being caught by the sharp turn northbound to Woodbine Avenue. The accidents have resulted in serious injuries to motorists but also serious damage to private property. They also created a very real risk of serious pedestrian injury or death. The attached images show some of the damage that has been caused this year.

Sidewalks on both sides of Woodbine Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard East are quite narrow, and are heavily used by residents and visitors accessing Woodbine Beach. Residents from across Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area frequently visit this intersection to access Woodbine Beach for events such as the Canada Day fireworks, the Beaches Jazz Festival and to enjoy the beach as an amenity. The narrow right of way also means that residents on this stretch of roadway are exposed to increased danger of meeting with an accident and or facing property damage, including to vehicles parked within the on-street permit parking areas on Woodbine.

Our streets need to be safe for everyone. Multiple accidents happening within months of each other on the same portion of roadway is completely unacceptable. Issues here have been reported for years before 2019 and little has been done. We need a full suite of measures to address safety in this problem area. Enforcement is one component – the Toronto Police Service have offered their support with this. However, we need to adapt our road design to address the unfortunate realities of unsafe driver behavior and make streets safer by design.

This Motion is intended to accelerate tangible action to deliver short, medium, and long term measures that will increase safety at Lake Shore Boulevard East and Woodbine Avenue. With this issue being raised in previous terms of Council, residents should not be kept waiting any longer. The time to act is now.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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Attachment 1 - Damage Caused at Lake Shore Boulevard East and Woodbine Avenue  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-139216.pdf>)